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REMARKS

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1. Between 29 August and 30 December 1953, the 2d Inf Regt of the KVP Division Prenzlau, also referred to as A-Kommando and subordinate to the TV Nord Pasewalk and the KVP Bereitschaft Prenzlau, was located in the former German air force installation near the Prenzlau airfield and was organized as follows:

	Number of Officers	NCOs	Personnel
Headquarters	30		
Headquarters squad		1	12
Military band	1		21
Sick room	3		6
Commander's platoon	1	2	20
Supply company	2	4	25
Supply platoon			20
Chemical defense platoon	1	4	16
Motor transport company	3	6	30
School	8	15	120
S-1 through S-7 companies, each	5	6	30
1st through 3d Battalions, each	36	43	167

the unit was organized according to schedule but its strength lay considerably below the authorized strength. The 2d A-Kommando allegedly was to be filled up in January 1954. The 3d Battalion was organized as follows:

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	Number of Officers	NCOs	Personnel
Headquarters	10		
Supply platoon		5	15
1st Rifle Company	5	8	35
2d Rifle Company	5	6	40
3d Rifle Company	5	8	31
Machine gun company	4	6	18
Mortar company	4	6	20
B-battery	3	4	8

The heavy machine gun platoon previously observed with rifle companies had been deactivated shortly after 7 October 1953, with the missions of the platoon allegedly taken over by the machine gun company of the battalion.

2. Officers assigned to the unit between 29 August and 30 December incl. ded:

Major Huentter	Commanding officer, who had been promoted to this rank in early October 1953
Captain Schlegel	Deputy polit officer
Lieutenant Colonel Roess	Deputy commanding officer
Captain Scheiblisch	Chief of staff
Captain Wolter	SSD officer
Captain Keusch	Deputy supply officer
Captain Krug	Commanding officer of the 2d Battalion
Captain Steinfurth	Commanding officer of the 3d Battalion
Lieutenant Siede	Chief of the school

3. Officers of the KVP Bereitschaft Prenzlau, superior to the 2d Inf Regt, included

Colonel Riedel	Commanding officer	25X1
Lieutenant Colonel Klinke	Deputy polit officer	
Major Schlegel	Member of the polit section	
Major Kuschbarth	Chief of staff	25X1
Major Heisse	Director of training	
Major Schroeder	Deputy chief for technical equipment	

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Captain Roder

Officer in charge of mass indoctrination

Captain Losffler

Deputy supply officer

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4. Motor vehicle equipment of the 2d Inf Regt included 140 M-3 A trucks [redacted] the latter being a supply truck; 10 M-1-type P-1 jeeps, 30 ZIS-151 trucks, 30 model Granit-27 Phaenomen jeeps, 1 large model Granit-27 Phaenomen ambulance; M-1-type sedan [redacted] as vehicle of the advisors; 1 BMW-type sedan; 6 G-5 tank trucks with trailers; 1 x 3-ton trailer, 1 G-5 repair shop truck, 1 M-3 B headquarters vehicle and 4 SU-76 self-propelled mounts. Almost all vehicles were ready for employment, although most vehicles were not in operation.

5. From the personnel of the unit, 25 percent were members of the 1936 class, 25 percent of the 1935 class; 20 percent of the 1934 class, 15 percent of the 1933 class and the rest belonged to older classes. Eighty-two percent of the troops had served less than 3 years, 15 percent between 3 and 5 years and 3 percent more than 5 years. Five percent of the personnel came from Saxony-Anhalt, 30 percent from Saxony, 10 percent from Thuringia, 2 percent from Mecklenburg, 2 percent from Brandenburg and 1 percent from Berlin. Ten percent of the troops were true for the regime, 20 percent were neutral, 40 percent were indifferent and 30 percent were opposed. Morale was poor because of long duty hours, restriction to quarters, too frequent political indoctrination and insufficient supply with underwear.

6. Attached to the unit were a chief advisor, with the rank of colonel, and a political advisor with the rank of a lieutenant colonel.

7. In September and October, a KVP captain picked out from volunteers reliable personnel for guard duty at a secret installation which was under construction about 10 km from an undetermined town. In this connection, the town of Guestrow was mentioned.<sup>2</sup>

1. [redacted] Comment. The number of 1,400 men for the 2d Regt is believed to be underestimated. [redacted] the ration strength of the 2d Regt, on 3 January 1954, was 1,600 men. The deactivation of the heavy machine gun platoons is believed to be a temporary measure as a result of vacancies.

2. [redacted] Comment. The only VP post known in the vicinity of Guestrow is Kluess where a technical sergeant school and a KVP ammunition depot are located. It is possible that these installations will be enlarged.

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